Common

As evidence of the mass disclosure poured out in the summer of 1973, It became apparent that the common denominator of those dedicated to Nixon and in varying levels close to him was perjury. There has never been as much falsehood by as many people close to any President. The legal problem, if ~~Nixon~~ there was to be prosecution, was to determine what the truth was, if any one told any of it. ~~that~~ Contradiction under oath about what was material was not enough.

If the wily Nixon had spun this web, he ~~could~~ could not have ensnared his own flies better.

Nor could he have contrived a situation better calculated to give him the defense that he had been imposed upon by those in whom he had unfaltered ~~[illegible]~~ trust.

While he ~~had~~ is the one who had personal contact with all, the one who had to know that lying was evidence - the one in actual as ~~[illegible]~~ well as theoretical ~~of~~ responsibility - he is also the one who saw to it that each of the others lied in his own way. All were ruined by the Watergate. The reputation was not destroyed, of all the many around Nixon.

He assembled it all for his own survival